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AMENDMENT

Sir:

Applicants hereby petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) for a three-month extension of time in the above-identified application, up to and including November 26, 2007, to make this reply timely.

In response to the outstanding Office Action mailed May 25, 2007, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Abstract are reflected on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.